

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS FOR  
DETERMINING CARD STATUS

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Examiner: Eron J. Sorrell

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time, extending the time of response by 3 months to June 24, 2009 is filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.